

The Sailors' Snug Harbor, East Gatehouse
Richmond Terrace
New Brighton
New York
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Address: Richmond Terrace, between Tysen Avenue and Delafield Place, New Brighton, New York, Richmond County, New York.

Present Owner: The Trustees of The Sailors' Snug Harbor in the City of New York.

Present Occupant: The Sailors' Snug Harbor.

Present Use: Vacant.

Statement of Significance: The Sailors' Snug Harbor is a home for aged seamen opened on Staten Island in 1833. This gatehouse is one of three on the grounds of the home and forms part of the institution's particularly rich catalog of nineteenth-century architecture.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: See photo-data book for The Sailors' Snug Harbor, HABS No. NY-5473, for this information.
2. Date of erection: A map published by E. Robinson & Co. in 1898 in the Atlas of the Borough of Richmond, City of New York, indicates this building for the first time.

B. Bibliography

Note: See photo-data book for The Sailors' Snug Harbor, HABS No. NY-5473, for additional bibliographical material.

Atlas of the Borough of Richmond, City of New York. New York: E. Robinson & Co., 1898.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural interest and merit: The Sailors' Snug Harbor is a home for aged seamen opened on Staten Island in 1833. This gatehouse is one of three on the grounds of the home and forms part of the institution's particularly rich catalog of nineteenth-century architecture.

2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior

1. Number of stories: One story.

2. Over-all dimensions: The total length of the building is approximately 25'-0"; the tower measures approximately 12'-0" in diameter.

3. Layout, shape: The buildings is irregular in plan; there is an octagonal tower in the southwest corner.

4. Wall construction, finish and color: Rough, yellow brick laid up in running bond.

5. Chimney: Partially destroyed smokestack.

6. Openings:

a. Doorways and doors: On the west and south faces of the tower there are pointed-arch doorways with wooden paneled door and transom, now boarded up.

b. Windows: Pointed-arch windows, now boarded up; small oval windows in upper part of tower; loop-hole type window beside south doorway.

7. Roof:

a. Shape: Flat.

b. Cornice: Wooden cornice; crenelated stone and brick parapet on tower.

C. Description of Interior

Note: It was not possible to gain access to the interior.

D. Site and Surroundings

1. Orientation: Doorways in the tower open on both west and south sides. The buildings is located approximately 450 feet east-southeast of the most easterly dormitory (Building E).

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